

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana 6-20-07 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Copple Jeff Barber
 Ryan McCann Dr. Mullinax
 Mark Branch Paula Parker-Sawyers
 Sheriff Mark Frisbie Dr. Kelly (delayed due to work obligations)

CJI Staff: Mike Cunegin, Jason Hutchens, Mary Murdock, Sonya Cleveland, Laura Coykendall, Janice Lee and SAI, Inc. Consultant, Colleen Copple

Sonya Cleveland opened the meeting with introductions for the Commission's newest member, Mark Branch of the Boys and Girls Club. The December 2006, January 2007, January 2007, and April 2007 Minutes were approved.

Washington County Local Coordinating Council was represented by Sharon Purlee. She presented examples of Washington County's advertising opportunities. Lin Montgomery, CJI Community Consultant for Washington County, shared some information about the LCC regarding their membership, all hardworking individuals and good working relationships. The discussion continued around Faith-based organizations bringing in several churches to participate in substance abuse activities.

SPF-SIG Update: overview provided by Marcia French. Grants have been awarded in the areas of Alcohol, Meth, and Cocaine. Teams led by Kim Manlove and Marcia French will do site visits for all of the SPF-SIG awarded organizations.

Treatment Update: CLIFF ("Clean Living is Freedom Forever") DOC Program has shown great progress. Charts were shared for how DOC has been tracking recidivism in the program. Dr. Mullinax stated the recidivism numbers look promising. Jerry Vance, DOC, explained the actual data report will not be out for 5 years. Jason Hutchens added the numbers should be considered preliminary only.

Meth Free Indiana Update: IDEM have completed 2 trainings which has resulted in 11 inspectors - certified and listed. The certification/listing is a 3 step process. Colleen shared that some states are working at funding clean-ups at low or no interest loans. Economic Development can help with state incentives for organizations to clean-up Meth properties.

Although Pseudoephedrine is behind the Pharmacy counters and restrictions have been made, there are other precursors available as the criminals become creative and have begun making P2P for example using Phosphorous and iodine. It is necessary to reduce access for these additional precursors and be proactive in this new battle against drug abuse.

Meth Tip Cards for the following groups:

- 1st Responders - Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, EMT's
- Home Visitors - Dept. of Children Services, Health Care workers, Utility and Cable workers
- Property Owners/Representatives - Hotel/Motel Staff/Owners, Realtors, and Renters Association members.

Organizations can request cards from the Substance Abuse Division of CJI.

A Meth Data Work Group is collecting data from agencies to provide the Governor with one report rather than several different reports. Josh Ross, Research Division Director from CJI, is the chair for this Work Group.

Arizona has a Plan for Action brochure as part of their Drug Country Strategy. Arizona and Indiana have become leaders in the war against illicit drug abuse.

Advanced Criminal Enforcement (A.C.E.) has developed a unified effort with the local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies to reduce illicit drug activity in Indiana. Special training will be included for the participating agencies. This initiative developed from the Meth Free Law Enforcement Workgroup. Other states are searching for a model such as this which includes:

1. Interdiction
2. Enhancing Law Enforcement efforts
3. Data Sharing
4. Enhanced Communications among agencies

Point of Youth (P.O.Y.) Update: Sixteen new accepted youth members, 5 pending interviews, and 12 returning POY students for the 2007-08 year according to Laura Coykendall, POY Program Manager of CJI. An underage drinking and substance abuse annual retreat is scheduled for July for the students and the CJI Youth Committee. \$30,000 from Title II and \$50,000 from EUDL funds will help these students share in the program over the next year. Although it is a youth led group, the adults supervise and guide the youth as they prepare statewide initiatives and the students set personal goals for the year. Mark Branch of the Girls and Boys Club discussed recruitment possibilities throughout the state. Laura explained how although currently the recruitment process depends heavily on the Community Consultants and the Local Coordinating Councils, a new Recruitment Program is being developed by the Youth Committee members for using the same process in each county. Mike Cunegin shared with the Commission Members how well the POY team works very well led by Laura and the Youth Committee made up of 6 Community Consultants.

Strategic Plan Update:

LCC Policies, Procedures and Best Practices Manual completion date is early Fall. LCC "Best Practices" included in the Kit will include Grant Processes, Membership Rosters, Bylaws, and Initiatives. The Community Consultants are working with Sonya to put this manual together.

A unique initiative from Dearborn Counties in the fight against Substance Abuse is a reward system for tips on underage drinking parties. "Tipsters" can receive a \$100 tip. Boone County has an initiative that includes County Prosecutor, Judge, and Sheriff advertising on a billboard "If you are having a party, don't forget to invite us."

Pike County has expressed a dramatic change according to Sonya Cleveland. Terry Cohen, Community Consultant, stated they have agreed to make the necessary changes per the Commission. The LCC's Comprehensive Plan lacked accountability and therefore, the LCC have agreed to go back to identify program goals. Terry Cohen recommended the plan be approved as they have agreed to implement the changes. Dr. Mullinax and Sheriff Frisbie provided the necessary motion to move this forward. The Commission voted yes to approve the plan.

Vigo County's plan was presented to the Commission based on the recommendation of the Consultant, Terry Cohen, and Sonya that the plan be denied. Terry Cohen and Sonya provided examples of initiatives funded that are outside the stated goals and objectives of the comprehensive community plan, as well as the lack of evaluation needed to show the funded programs are working. The current plan does not provide the necessary outcomes or data necessary to accomplish their goals and meet their objectives. Identifying age groups and target areas the LCC originally found to be in need has to be a part of the efforts within their mini-grants as well as the entire financial process. The consensus by the Commission Members was to withhold the approval the Vigo County's plan until the grant cycle begins to review the grants the LCC would like to fund the coming year. Sonya Cleveland will notify them by letter this week.

Meeting was adjourned.